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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act directing that students be required to read and
- 2 demonstrate comprehension of excerpts from Aleksandr
- 3 Solzhenitsyn's book "the gulag archipelago" as a condition
- 4 of high school graduation.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. **280.9C** Required reading the 2 gulag archipelago.
- 3 The board of directors of each school district and the
- 4 authorities in charge of each nonpublic school shall require
- 5 all students to read and demonstrate comprehension of excerpts
- 6 from the book by Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn, "the gulag
- 7 archipelago 1918-1956 abridged: an experiment in literary
- 8 investigation", as a condition of high school graduation.
- 9 Sec. 2. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
- 10 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
- ll compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
- 12 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid
- 13 received by the school district under section 257.16. This
- 14 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed
- 15 to meet all of the state funding-related requirements of
- 16 section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding
- 17 shall be necessary for the full implementation of this Act
- 18 by and enforcement of this Act against all affected school
- 19 districts.
- 20 EXPLANATION
- 21 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with 22 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 23 This bill directs school districts and accredited nonpublic
- 24 schools to require all students to read and demonstrate
- 25 comprehension of excerpts from the abridged version of
- 26 Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's book, "the gulag archipelago", as a
- 27 condition of high school graduation.
- The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
- 29 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of
- 30 any state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
- 31 district from state school foundation aid received by the
- 32 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification
- 33 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state mandate
- 34 funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2. The
- 35 inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate the

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- 1 requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any state
- 2 mandates included in the bill.